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**PENCE ANNOUNCES OPERATION THANK YOU**

*Will Meet With Coalition Soldiers and British Prime Minister*

**Washington, Apr 7, 2003** - Washington, D.C.-Congressmen Mike Pence and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert announced live on the Garrison Show this morning that they will be traveling to Europe and the Middle East to meet with soldiers fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The trip will take place the week of April 21 when the Congressional delegation will visit Ramstein (sp?) Air Force Base in Germany, visit an air craft carrier in the Mediteranean (sp?) Sea and meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London.

Pence announced Operation Thank You to coincide with the trip. Pence is asking Hoosiers to write post cards to the troops thanking them for their service and telling them why they appreciate what they are doing for our country. Pence will then take the post cards overseas with him to give to the troops and help boost their morale.

Hoosiers wishing to participate can send their post cards to:

Congressman Mike Pence or Operation Thank You  
P.O. Box 428  
Anderson, IN 46015

“I am absolutely honored to have the opportunity to take the well wishes of Hoosiers with me as I meet with our brave men and women who are fighting for our freedom and the freedom of the Iraqi people,” said Pence.

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